

On April 17, 2013, Board Member Dr. Debra Robinson asked the following question regarding Board Agenda Item AC 2: 2012-2014 School Health Services Plan. The response was prepared by the Division of Safety and Learning and the CAO.

REQUESTS:

1. Please list exceptions to this statement...Each school has a full time school nurse. please include alternative ed
2. Do charter schools have school nurse?
3. Are the school nurses completely funded by the Health Care District?
4. What HIV (prevention) education is in our curriculum? How are the teachers trained?

RESPONSES:

1. 1. Please list exceptions to this statement...Each school has a full time school nurse. please include alternative ed

A: The Health Care District (HCD) has decided to base their decision to place a full time nurse in a school on the acuity (higher level of medical complications) of student health conditions and the number of students at the school. Therefore, this year, there were five schools, Washington ES, Lincoln ES, Rosenwald ES, Roosevelt ES, and Pioneer Park ES without a full time nurse.

Due to the fact that there were 38 or more schools with two full time nurses assigned to the schools by the HCD, we met with the HCD leadership team, Dr. Wiewora and Ms. Ginny Keller to discuss reassigning five of these nurses to cover the five schools with part-time nurses. We were informed that the part-time positions could not be reassigned until January, 2013 but they would consider opening two more full time nursing positions if we also would request through our leadership two full time nursing positions. They placed full time nurses in Roosevelt ES and Lincoln ES in January, 2013.

B: The Health Care District (HCD) decided in our initial agreement that they would only place a nurse to provide coverage to alternative schools where they determined if complicated medical conditions were present. This coverage changed every school year and we negotiated with them to identify and commit at least one full-time nurse to cover and provide oversight to our most populated alternative schools listed in our agreement:

1. Crossroads Academy (Grades 6-12)
2. Goldcoast Community School (Grades 6-9)
3. Riviera Beach Preparatory and Achievement Academy (Grades 9-12)
4. South Intensive Transition (Grades 6-12)

5. Turning Points Academy (Grades 6-12)

2. Do charter schools have school nurses?

Response: Our agreement does not provide for nursing coverage by the HCD or the Health Department to Charter schools. Charter schools have the option to fund a school nurse if desired for their school.

3. Are the school nurses completely funded by the Health Care District?

Response: The school nurses are jointly funded by the HCD, Health Department and the School District.

Agency	Number of Nurses
Health Care District	199
School District	34 of the nurses above funded by the school district*
Health Department	5

*Agreement supports that the school district will fund a school nurse in every new school opened since 2001.

4. What HIV (prevention) education is in our curriculum? How are the teachers trained?

Response: (provided by K-12 Curriculum Department) Developmentally appropriate HIV lessons are included in our Human Growth and Development Curriculum.

- Grades 3-5: Basic HIV information includes information on transmission and compassion for those living with HIV/AIDS.
- Grades 6-9: HIV prevention education is taught along with other sexually transmitted diseases.
- Biology: A lesson on the history of HIV and a lab on the transmission of the virus.

Teachers are trained on HIV/AIDS during the face-to-face Human Growth and Development training offered during each school year. Online training for the HIV/AIDS lessons in grades 3-9 is available on TrainU. Both face-to-face and online HIV/AIDS training components are updated to reflect current medically accurate content on a yearly basis.

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